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*"The care of human life and
not its destruction . . . is the
first and only legitimate
object of good government."*
- Thomas Jefferson

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Rep. Ed Gaffney, Chairman
House Health Policy Committee

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee!

On behalf of Flint Right to Life, we thank you for an opportunity to speak on behalf of HB 4446. We represent 25,000 identified pro-life citizens in Genesee County.

Last year, we sponsored 29 pro-life billboards in Genesee County; most were placed around abortion clinics and in areas of our county where poor people live who have been targeted by the abortion industry.

Women going into the abortion clinics saw our billboards and called our office. What we discovered was that the staff in the abortion clinics were denying women an opportunity to see the moving image of their unborn children.

We made arrangements with a local physician who graciously brought his ultrasound technician in on Saturdays or during the evening to do ultrasounds for these women because crisis pregnancy centers are not open in the evening nor on Saturdays when most abortions in our county are performed.

To require that abortion clinics do an ultrasound and not require them to offer women an opportunity to see the moving image of their baby on the ultrasound doesn't make sense. Every woman contemplating such a life-altering decision should be given the opportunity to see her unborn child.

We respectfully request that you support HB 4446 and send it to the full House for a vote.

Respectfully requested,

Judy Climer